

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 12.30.

Messrs David Sassoon, Sons & Co. inform us that the s. s. *Japan*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port to-day.

We hear that Mr F. S. A. Bourne, at present British Vice-Consul at Amoy, is to be transferred to Canton.

Messrs Russell & Co. inform us that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Memuir* left Port Darwin for this port yesterday, and may be expected to arrive on 15th inst.

Hospital began to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospital:—
Messrs Ruster Broekelman and Co., of 50
An address from the sailing community is to be presented to His Excellency the Governor to-morrow in connection with the passing of the ordinance for the restriction of Sunday labour in the harbour.
The Superintendent of the P. & O. Co. informs us that the Company's a. a. Revenue, with the outward English mail, left Singapore yesterday at 1 p.m. The Company's *Orissa* left for Calcutta

THE Agent of the Pacific Mail Co. informs us that the Company's str. *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails &c. from San Francisco to the 14th ultimo, has arrived at 5 o'clock

ma, and will leave for this port to-morrow, at noon.

During the three days' races at Shanghai last week a sum of \$28,230 was gambled by means of the Totalisator. One of the best features of the new Gambling Bill is the provision for the total suppression of this insinuating and pernicious form of gambling.

Tan fire brigade had another summons to action at half-past three this morning, when fire was found to have broken out in house No. 280, Queen's Road Central. The

The ground floor of the house is occupied as a foreign goods shop and the upper floors were the family house of the master of the shop. The fire originated in the first floor, but in what manner is at present unknown. The flames spread to the adjoining houses.

No. 282, before anything could be done to check them, and both houses were completely destroyed. No. 280, where the fire broke out, is insured with the Hamburg-Magdeburg Insurance Co. (Messrs. Sander and Co., agents) for \$10,000. The other houses, we understand, was not insured.

THE MURDER.

Mr. Wise held an inquiry at the Magistrate's afternoon into the death of the boy Thomas McBeay, who was accidentally shot by a schoolfellow, named Joseph Labary, yesterday morning. Dr. Marquis, who made the post mortem examination, stated that there was a small bullet wound in the upper portion of the right breast, and a

had passed through the lung. Death had

must have occurred within a few minutes after the infliction of the wound. From the evidence it appeared that the saloonkeeper rode from which the shot was fired belonging to one of the elder boys at St. Joseph's College, named Pity, who had it concealed in the playground. It was found there by Lebury, who began to play with it, not knowing it was loaded. He pulled the trigger and missed, and when he was standing a few yards distant, uttered a cry and fell. Lebury and his brother lifted their dying schoolfellow, with the intention of carrying him to Dr. Hargrave's house.

about fifty yards when one of the Christian
Brothers of the College, who had been

what had happened, examined the body and found life extinct. It appeared that McBeas and Lobary were close companions and had no quarrel. His Worship gave no finding in accordance with the medical evidence and was of opinion that the wound was accidentally inflicted. He hoped the said affair would be a lesson to Lobary which would warn him not to point firearms at anybody again, whether loaded or not. He also warned the boy Pity against such dangerous play-things. Pity, who broke the rules of the College by having a firearm in his possession, said in

presented to him by a friend and that he purchased the cartridges from a Chinese shop. At the close of the inquiry the

Tax Singapore. *Free Press* of 19th inst. says:—Among the passengers leaving England yesterday per s.s. *McMurray* was Sir Frederick Weld, our former Governor, who has been and is very ill. During his illness he has been in the society of the wife of the Minister of the Colonies and Development Company Sir Frederick contracted a severe attack of jaundice, and since his return to Singapore he has been very much prostrated by the disease. It is very probable his progress towards recovery will be slow. The Singapore Sanitation decided that, in view of the presence of jaundice, the only course was to give Sir Frederick the benefit of the sea voyage home at the earliest opportunity. He was accordingly placed on board the *Weld* which was removed from Mr. Goldsmith's wharf to the ship, where before the steamer's departure he was visited by H. K. S. Cochrane, Sir C. Smith, Sir E. P. Dickson, Mr. Justice Gairdner, Mr. Somers, and a few other friends. It was not deemed advisable that Sir Frederick Weld should be subjected to excitement, and so many of his friends abstained from personally bidding him

but every one will hope that a day or two's sea air will provide the needed stimulus to

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